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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4575

INFO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 0756

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, SN

SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP

REFS: A. STATE 034710 (NOTAL); B. JAKARTA 2018; C. SINGAPORE

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1. REF A PROPOSED VICE PRESIDENT SHAVE ONE HOUR OFF HIS DEPARTURE TIME FROM SINGAPORE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THREE-HOUR STOPOVER IN BALL. IN VIEW EMBASSY JAKARTA'S POSITIVE RESPONSE (REF B), EMBASSY QUERIED CHIEF OF PROTOCOL SEOW WHETHER DEPARTURE ONE HOUR EARLIER WOULD POSE ANY PROBLEM FOR GOS GIVEN LIKELIHOOD V.P. WOULD PROBABLY MAKE FORMAL CALL ON PRESIDENT SHEARES ON MORNING OF MARCH 29 (PARA 5 REF C).

2. SEOW SAID GOS NOW CONSIDERING RENDERING FULL MILITARY HONORS TO VICE PRESIDENT AND ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR V.P. TO ARRIVE IN SINGAPORE ONE OR TWO HOURS LATER THAN CURRENTLY SCHEDULED. HE SAID V.P.'S DEPARTURE AT 10:00 A.M. (INSTEAD OF 11:00 A.M.) ON MARCH 29 WOULD NOT ONLY INCONVENIENCE PRESIDENT SHEARES BUT ALSO COMPRESS TIME FOR RENDERING HONORS ON DEPARTURE INTO UNACCEPTABLY SHORT PERIOD. HE EXPRESSED HOPE PROPOSED CHANGE IN DEPARTURE TIME WOULD BE DROPPED. HE
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SAID HE HOPED TO HAVE A MORE DEFINITIVE IDEA WHETHER FULL

HONORS WOULD BE OFFERED V.P. BY FEBRUARY 16.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES CHIEF OF PROTOCOL'S POINT WELL
TAKEN. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP. HOLDRIDGE

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